

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: January 23, 2012
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Requests for Information/Council Business

- *Construction at 195/Clover Mill/Chaffeeville* – The Department of Transportation has shut down construction at the intersections of 195, Clover Mill Road, and Chaffeeville Road for the winter. Weather permitting, the DOT anticipates restarting work in March after Connecticut Light & Power and AT&T replace some of the telephone poles in the area. The projected completion date of the project is September 21, 2012.
- *Jorgensen Tickets* – Staff of the Senior Center met with Rod Rock from Jorgensen Theater in December of last year to discuss the status of the senior “2-for-1” ticket program. Jorgensen is no longer offering this program to area senior centers. However, there is a senior discount that is available to seniors age 60 and over, and proof of age is required when purchasing these tickets at the box office. It is also possible for the Senior Center Association's travel group to purchase a block of tickets for specific performances to receive a group discount. In addition, Mr. Rock did indicate that they would be willing to consider offering an additional discount to seniors who meet federal poverty guidelines. Staff is willing to continue to work cooperatively with the Jorgensen Theater if they decide to reinstate the “2-for-1” program.

Departmental/Division News

- *Town Manager's Office*
 - Library Director Reception – At 6:00 PM on January 30, 2012, the Town will host a community reception to welcome Ms. Leslie B. McDonough as the next Director of the Mansfield Public Library. Light refreshments will be provided.
 - Storrs Neighborhood Watch – As a follow-up to the neighborhood meeting we held last month, the Resident Trooper's Office hosted a meeting on January 19, 2012 to introduce a neighborhood watch program and Google Group to allow all of the neighbors and the police to communicate more regularly and effectively. The meeting was well received and many neighbors signed up for the new group. The also meeting included a training session on the do's and don'ts of reporting incidents. I would like to thank SGT Courmoyer, Mansfield's resident troopers, Town IT staff and our residents for their leadership and participation in this effort to deter future crime and enhance safety and communication.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *Storrs Center*
 - Construction update (from website) – Interior work on both 1 Dog Lane and 9 Dog Lane continues. A tight roof and temporary heat allow for work to progress uninterrupted on the residential spaces and on the first-floor commercial spaces. While the focus of the work right now is on the interior spaces of this first phase of Storrs Center, progress on the exterior continues, such as the installation of the siding and brickwork on 1 Dog Lane.
 - Finance Committee update – next month staff plans to meet with the Finance Committee to discuss progress on the public infrastructure projects (e.g. garage, Storrs Road improvements) as well as major change orders and related issues

Upcoming Events

- *Winter Fun Day* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and the Town of Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department invite area residents to celebrate the season at the 6th Annual Winter Fun Day on Saturday, February 4. This event will be held from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Mansfield Community Center. There will be a number of fun activities for all ages to enjoy, including ice skating (weather permitting/bring your own skates). Throughout Winter Fun Day, donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted for the Covenant Soup Kitchen. Winter Fun Day is free and open to the public and will be held outdoors. The inclement weather date is Saturday, February 11. For more information, please contact the Mansfield Downtown Partnership: 860.429.2740 or mdp@mansfieldct.org.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Regulatory Review Committee, January 24, 2012, 1:15 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, January 24, 2012, 6:00 PM, Program Room, Mansfield Public Library
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, January 26, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Special Town Council Meeting, January 30, 2012, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building**
- Traffic Authority, January 31, 2012, 9:30 AM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children, February 1, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- PZC/IWA, February 6, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee, February 7, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Zoning Board of Appeals, February 8, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Community Campus Partnership, February 9, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Community Quality of Life Committee, February 9, 2012, 7:30 PM, Location TBD
- Committee on Committees, February 10, 2012, 8:00 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board, February 14, 2012, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Town/University Relations Committee, February 14, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Housing Code Board of Appeals, February 14, 2012, 5:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Finance Committee, February 14, 2012, 6:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, **TUESDAY**, February 14, 2012, 7:30PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*